

A QUICK GUIDE TO THE APPLICATION

This guide previews the different sections of the Common Application so you'll be ready to get started as soon as you create your account.

<p>PROFILE</p>	<p>Contacts Phone number, mailing address</p> <p>Demographics Religion, military service, race/ethnicity (all optional)</p> <p>Geography Birthplace, countries lived in, language proficiency, citizenship</p>
<p>FAMILY</p>	<p>Household Parent marital status, parent(s) with whom you reside</p> <p>Parent and/or Guardian Name, birthplace, occupation, education, stepparent information</p> <p>Siblings Age, grade, education</p>
<p>EDUCATION</p>	<p>School Current school, dates attended; counselor name, phone, and email</p> <p>History Previous schools, dates attended, past/pending education interruptions (e.g. time off, early graduation, gap year, etc.), college courses, college assistance programs</p> <p>Academic Information GPA, class rank, current year courses, honors and awards</p>
<p>TESTING</p>	<p>College Entrance ACT and SAT</p> <p>English For Non-Native Speakers TOEFL, IELTS, PTE Academic</p> <p>Academic Subjects AP, IB, SAT Subject Tests, A-Levels</p> <p>Other Optional reporting for other relevant 9-12 testing</p>

ACTIVITIES	Principal Activities/Work Years of participation, hours per week, weeks per year, position/leadership held (50 characters), brief description (150 characters). 10 activities maximum.
WRITING	Personal Essay Select one of seven available prompts, 650 Words Maximum Disciplinary History Explanations regarding school discipline and misdemeanor or felony convictions Additional Information Relevant circumstances or qualifications not reflected elsewhere in the application
COURSES & GRADES	Self-Reported Transcript Your complete academic record for grades 9-12. Required by some colleges.
COLLEGE-SPECIFIC QUESTIONS	General Entry term, degree status, housing preference, test-optional preference, scholarship and financial aid preference Academics Academic interest, program(s) applying to (Some colleges may also ask additional questions about your family, state of residence, activities, and general interests.)
COLLEGE WRITING SUPPLEMENTS	Writing Supplement Additional short answer or essay responses if requested by institution

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